Liberalising Import of Textile Machinery

†397, SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are planning to liberalise the import of textile machinery;

(b) if so, whether there is any scheme to co-ordinate new and traditional technique;

(c) whether domestic textiles machinery manufacturing company is unable to meet the demand; and

(d) whether Government propose to set-up any joint venture by establishing co-ordination between Indian and foreign manufacturing companies?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN): (a) to (d) The Government has already liberalized to import of textile machinery as all machinery (new and second hand) is allowed to be imported under OGL. The domestic textile machinery manufacturing companies have already increased their production substantially and are gearing up to further increase their capacity to meet the demand. Setting up of joint venture in the area of Textile machinery is allowed freely either through automatic route or through Foreign Investment Promotion Board.

Pending Proposals of Textile Industry from Assam

398. SHRI DWIJENDRA NATH SHARMAH: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of proposals received from the State of Assam for development of textile lying pending with Government;

(b) the details thereof; and

(c) the action being taken taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN): (a) and (b) The number of proposals pending

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